Mundakayam. But the Planters of the east end of the district had grievance about the state of the road from Mundakayam to Kumili which was now being put in good order. By so doing a great deal of produce went into British India which would otherwise have been diverted through Travancore if the road from Vandiperiar to Pambanar were put in good order.

He therefore requested that the work on the latter section might be expedited, as next year light motors were expected to be put on that road and it would then be possible to bring the produce of the east end to the head of the new ropeway and also to carry the urgent mails to within 8 miles of the British boundary. He added that a section of the Ghat road had metal broken for it and he requested that it might be laid soon.

Dewan's reply.—Noted. Two estimates for improving portions of the road have already been sanctioned.

93. Improvement of certain roads.

Mr. Asher (Member, Mundakayam Planters' Association) spoke of the following roads:—

(1) The Erattupetta—Kanjirapalli road. The road was in great need of repair. Between the 4th and 5th miles, a culvert had broken down and had not been repaired for nearly a year and it rendered the road useless for cart traffic.

Dewan.—An estimate for Rs. 19,900 has been sanctioned for this road and Rs. 5,000 provided for the work in the current year. The culvert will receive attention soon.

(2) The Member, continuing, said that the road between Erattupetta and Palai and Lalam was in a deplorable condition and should be repaired.

(3) The road between Mundakayam and Kanjirapalli was also in bad repair and required re-metalling and rolling.

The above roads were important ones with large traffic and he requested that the Government should enquire into the reason of the neglect of the said roads and order immediate improvement.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

The Assembly adjourned at 5-30 P. M.

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